

hundred people gather to eat barbecue bologna with all the trimmings, and to listen to Chicken laugh and tell tall tales.

On behalf of the Congress, I extend congratulations and best wishes to Charles "Chicken" Jeans, on his successes and achievements. He has made life better for Lonoke County citizens, and richer for all—like me—who are lucky enough to call him a friend.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO KATHERINE
E. WHITE

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2001

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Katherine E. White of Ann Arbor, Michigan for being named a 2001–2002 White House Fellow by President Bush.

Lyndon Johnson once said "a genuinely free society cannot be a spectator society." Through her hard work and service, Katherine White has proven to be anything but a spectator.

Mrs. White is an assistant professor of law at Wayne State University where she teaches about intellectual property laws.

In previous experience, Mrs. White was a Fulbright Senior Scholar, a Major in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corp, as well as a legal clerk for Judge Randall R. Rader, U.S. Court of Appeals. She currently serves on the National Patent Board and is a member of the University of Michigan's Board of Regents. She was chosen out of a field of 540 applicants to receive a White House Fellowship.

Therefore Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Katherine E. White for appointment as one of the 12 new White House fellows.

FRENCH HERITAGE WEEK IN THE
U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

HON. DONNA M. CHRISTENSEN

OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2001

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of all the people of French descent in my district, the U.S. Virgin Islands, on the occasion of the annual observance of French Heritage Week, an event that revolves around Bastille Day—which commemorates the destruction of the Bastille, the state prison in Paris, France, on July 14, 1789, which brought about one of the most significant movements in world history—the French Revolution.

The destruction of the Bastille, Mr. Speaker, was a significant act of bravery that not only brought on the French Revolution, but also became the symbol of democracy and human rights and the founding event for the movement towards liberty and liberal democracy around the world.

Today, I am proud to represent a striving and vibrant community of people of French descent who have inhabited the U.S. Virgin Islands

lands for centuries—contributing their expertise in fishing, farming, the professions and other vocations that have made significant differences in the political, social, cultural and economic progress and growth on the Territory.

Among the many treasures that make the Virgin Islands unique and special is our diversity. In particular, the French community has been a cultural asset through its presence and the many cultural, business and civic activities it promotes. One event put on by the Virgin Islands French Community that comes to mind, is the Father's Day celebration held each year in Frenchtown. Here, the French community recognizing the value in our fathers sponsors a weeklong celebration in their honor.

I am especially pleased and privileged to be able to pay homage to our French Community and the Virgin Islands community at-large during the 2001 French Heritage Week celebrations. While it is not generally known, my maternal great grandmother was a Parisian, and so I proudly claim kinship, although my command of the French language is limited.

This U.S. Virgin Islands French Heritage Week is a celebration of our heritage and national pride—two things that are important to the survival of any society. I congratulate Senator Lorraine L. Berry, a ten-term member of the Virgin Islands Legislature, for her continual efforts to enlighten her fellow Virgin Islanders on the rich traditions of French culture and history.

On behalf of my family, staff and myself, I wish to congratulate the members of the French community of the U.S. Virgin Islands for their many contributions to our community and for so generously sharing their history, culture and crafts with each generation of Virgin Islanders.

May God continue to bless our citizens of French descent and may they continue in the rich and strong democratic traditions of their motherland, France. Best wishes for an eventful, fulfilling "French Heritage Week."

HONORING VACHE AND JANE
SOGHOMONIAN

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2001

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Vache and Jane Soghomonian for being named Honorary Presidents at the 26th Annual Homenetmen Navasartian Games. The announcement was made on May 28 in Los Angeles, CA.

The Soghomonians are long-time supporters and activists within the Armenian community. Vache has been a member of the Homenetmen since age seven. Vache and Jane have both remained active in the physical, moral, and social education of Armenian youth, organizing many events and fund-raisers. Vache and Jane Soghomonian are active participants in the Fresno, CA community, and continue to support the Armenian population. They have recently made a generous donation to the Homenetmen Navasartian Games, and will always keep their hearts close to the Armenian community.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Vache and Jane Soghomonian for their dedi-

cation to the local Armenian community. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. and Mrs. Soghomonian and wishing them continued success.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM JACKSON
BEVIS, SR.

HON. MARION BERRY

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2001

Mr. BERRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great Arkansan and an outstanding citizen, and I am proud to recognize William Jackson Bevis, Sr. in the Congress for his invaluable contributions and service to his community, to our state, and our nation.

William was from Scott, Arkansas, and was born on August 14, 1922, in Pulaski County, Arkansas. He married Mary Jo Barnett in 1942, and they were blessed with three sons, Bill Bevis, Jr., Don R. Bevis, and Bob Bevis.

William was President of W.J. Bevis & Sons, Inc. and owner of William J. and Mary Jo Bevis Farms. He attended Peabody School and graduated from Scott High School in 1941. He was elected to Lonoke County Agriculture Conservation and Stabilization Service Commission in 1950 and served off and on for 25 years. He served 20 years on the District Soil and Water Conservation Board and was appointed by then-Gov. Dale Bumpers to chair a study of water diversion from the Arkansas River to the eastern Arkansas Delta. He served on the Lonoke School Board from 1962 and 1972. William was elected to the Federal Land Bank Board and served 15 years, 10 years as chairman. He was President of Farm Credit Services of Central Arkansas for 10 years and was appointed by Farm Credit of St. Louis to a task force for Missouri, Illinois, and Arkansas, to restructure regulations for farm loans and credit in these states. He was appointed by then Gov. David Pryor to the State Board of Corrections for a five-year term. He was appointed by then Gov. Bill Clinton to the Arkansas Agriculture Museum Board in Scott and he, along with Governor Clinton and State Rep. Bill Foster were instrumental in securing funding for this preservation project for the farming community of Scott. "This," as said by William, "is a project that is very dear to me."

William was a life-long member of All Souls Church in Scott. He has served as Sunday School Superintendent, Chairman of the church Board of Directors, and as All Souls Church Trustee until the age of 75.

Sadly, William died last month. He was preceded in death by one son, Judge Don Bevis of Cabot, and he is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mary Jo Bennett Bevis, two sons—Rep. Bill Davis, Jr. and his wife Kay of Scott and Bob Bevis and his wife Liz of Scott—along with numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren and a host of friends.

On behalf of the Congress, I extend sympathies and condolences to the family of William Jackson Bevis, Sr. His name commands respect and honor from all who knew him.